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SUBJ: MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN LOS DEL CONCERNING REMOVING
TIRAN ISSUE FROM THE LOS CONFERENCE

PASS INGERSOLL, MAW, SISCO, ATHERTON, AND MCINTYRE (D/LOS)
FROM STEVENSON AND MOORE

REF: STATE 163952

(1) US REPS. STEVENSON AND MOORE MET WITH
SHAFFIE ABDUL HAMID AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE EGYPTIAN
LOS DEL PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL.

(2) STEVENSON INDICATED US PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO
RESPOND TO EGYPTIAN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO STRAITS
COVERAGE ISSUE AND THAT WE HOPED THAT WE COULD DEAL WITH
THIS COVERAGE ISSUE TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL CONCERNED.
MOORE THEN GAVE EGYPTIAN DELS COPY OF WRITTEN TEXT OF
ALTERNATIVE A AND EXPLAINED TEXT PARAGRAPH BY
PARAGRAPH. STEVENSON AND MOORE BOTH POINTED OUT
IMPORTANCE OF EGYPTIAN SUPPORT OF UNIMPEDED
TRANSIT (INCLUDING SUBMERGED TRANSIT AND OVERFLIGHT)
IN STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO HIGH SEAS AND
IMPORTANCE OF COVERAGE ISSUES OTHERWISE NOT BEING
RAISED IN THE CONFERENCE.

(3) HAMID ASKED WHETHER US PLANNED TO NOW GIVE
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PAPER TO OTHER STATES AND US RESPONDED THAT PAPER WILL

BE GIVEN TO TWO OR THREE STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST,
INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. HAMID ALSO
ASKED SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING US POSITION ON
INNOCENT PASSAGE INCLUDING WHETHER US COULD ACCEPT
AUTHORIZATION OR NOTIFICATION FOR STRAITS GOVERNED BY
INNOCENT PASSAGE REGIME. USREPS. INDICATED NEITHER
AUTHORIZATION NOR NOTIFICATION INCLUDED IN EXISTING REGIME
OF INNOCENT PASSAGE AND THAT NEITHER WAS ACCEPTABLE TO
US EVEN IN INNOCENT PASSAGE, IT WAS ALSO POINTED
OUT THAT ANY STRAIT WITH SPECIAL REGIME WOULD BE UNAFFECTED
BY THE TREATY.

(4) HAMID THANKED US REP. FOR PAPER, INDICATED
IT LOOKED MOST INTERESTING AND SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY
REFER IT TO HIS FON. MIN. IN CAIRO FOR STUDY
AND WOULD THEN PROVIDE RESPONSE TO US REPS.
STEVENSON

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